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SUMMARY REPORT FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 24, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above report dated June 14, 2000 and received by this office on June 19, 2000. The report presents the results of the record search activities and visual inspection of APHO 24 (also referenced as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 176). APHO 24 was identified on an aerial photograph dated August 28, 1968 and was described as an area of extraction, approximately 400 feet long by 70 feet wide, located between Runways 34L and 34R approximately 500 feet south of Runway 25L.

The report recommends a status of no further action for APHO 24 based on evaluation of field inspection results, environmental program documents, historical property records and geophysical surveys. Evidence of excavations, stains or discolored areas, or stored items was not observed during the visual inspections conducted by the Navy on April 19 and 30, 2000 and June 7, 2000. Evidence of prior use of the APHO 24 area for storage of hazardous substances was not found during review of environmental program documents and historical property records. Also, the geophysical surveys did not identify areas of fill or areas of buried metallic debris.

Additionally, the report recommends that comments for APHO 24 in the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Business Plan update be revised to correlate to the description provided in the SAIC *Final Report, Aerial Photograph Assessment, MCAS El Toro* as follows: "APHO 24 (identified by SAIC 176 on a photograph dated 28 August 1968) is described as an area of extraction located between Runways 34L and 34R,

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about 500 feet south of Runway 25L." Based on clarification provided by the Navy, DTSC understands that these revisions are necessary to correct previous transcription errors from the SAIC Final Report to the BRAC Cleanup Plan (predecessor to the BRAC Business Plan).

Based on review of the summary report, DTSC concurs with the proposed status of no further action and comment revision for APHO 24. The no further action status and revised comment must be documented in the next Business Plan update.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5395.

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